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CLUBS ARE DISCOURAGED BY SMALL ROME AUDIENCE

Less Than One Hundred People Attend Concert of Musical Clubs at Rome Friday

KNOX SINGS IN FINE SHAPE.

Was Evident Throughout Evening That Clubs Were Downcast by the Poor Reception.

"Good time tonight"—this from "Aby" as the Clubs boarded the special for Rome at Clinton Friday evening. And it looked that way. After a good night's sleep both quartets appeared fresh and fit and "chuned up" with some vigor. Fairies there were, too, who, chancing to miss the regular car, rode by special invitation, and "Mac" who did not sit alone, gurgled low with delight when the "glims" went out on the Yahnundasis switch.

Arrived at the Eternal City, there was a brisk walk to Seegar's Academy, where the usual do-re-mi of songsters and pink-pank of mandolins heralded the advent of the "Barcarolle." As the troubadours, "Jack" West leading, advanced manfully into the spotlight, there was a flutter in the audience of ninety-seven (97) citizens. "Applause, by chowder!" mused "Bark."

And then they were off! Ah—how far they were off only those who sat in the pit could appreciate. Harmony left by the fire escape; Father Time was snubbed, and in the still churchyard Offenbach tossed in agony Other numbers followed—"Curt" first retrieving the painful start by the best solo of the season. The mandilins "came back" in the Luxembourg number, Eells leading them ably. "Curt", "Lew", "Bill" and 'Dri' then scored with some effect, and in the absence of Ray Heidner, "Walt" Peck drew a pair of encores for readings. The "Tutti Frutti" sounded "more like," but the double quartet fell down via an unconvincing appearance and "Dri", not being in voice, failed of his mark. "Mac" luckily was next up and he brought out the first genuine applause, wringing insistent demands for a trio of snappy encores to his first "raggy, draggy rag." As for the rest of the numbers, turn, gentle reader, to those lines of the poet, beginning: "And out on the moor, a loon," etc.

The dancing floor was fully as safe as the walking just above the Arbor after a freezing spell, and "Roy" and "Webby" had many tales to tell each other—afterwards. An hour after Saturday had entered the city the wandering minstrels were away again—sullen, cross, tagged by a thousand grimacing, aping glooms that insisted on reminding them of the sadness of the whole affair.

The program:

PART ONE.

1. "Barcarolle," Offenbach.
2. "In the Shadows," Finck.
3. "If I Build a World for You," Lehman.

MR. KNOX.

4. Luxembourg Waltz, arr. by Eells, '12.
5. The Quartette,

MESSRS. THOMPSON, KNOX, MARSH, PETERS.

6. 1912 Tutti Frutti, arr. by Eells, '12, and Thompson, '12.

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PART TWO.

7. Monolog,

MR. PECK.

8. "Doan' You Cry," Neidlinger.

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9. Pianolog,

MR. MC GIBENY.

10. "Dreaming," Shelley.

GLEE CLUB.

11. "Commons Hall Capers,

MANDOLIN QUARTETTE.

12. Campus Medley, arr. by Purdy, '06.
13. "Carissima," Stryker, '72.

TO FOOL THE GIRLS!

The golden harvest of deeds has come for 1912. The glory and honor of the Centennial Class is brought in ripe sheaves and laid on the altar of 1913's Hamiltonian. The perfume of vitae bene redditae fills the sanctum of pontifex maximus G. Henricus Lyon. Johannes West Juvenalis stands apart, a saturnine figure, refusing to join the long, majestic line of modest victors. "Awnor list, the hell!" he snarls, "why the jeuce should I write an awnor list when I have four more prawblems to do in mathematics?" Bayard Allen deposits a papyrus writ in letters large and fair: Cane Committee; Class Basket-ball 1, 2; Senior Bowling Team. The stern pontiff intones: "Away with him! Such sacrifices are not meet for our Great Scroll." Brawny Dubordieu presents: Class Football 2; Class Basketball 2, 4, (and, in prophetic assurance) Class Track 1, 2, 3, 4. Lastly comes Ezra Hopkins, stalking in gloomy grandeur, and hurls at the foot of the altar his weighty burden: Life Board 1, 2, 3, 4. And lo! Jove tosses his ambrosial curls, while Olympus trembles with divine merriment.

NO MORE FINE DEPOSITS.

The recent ruling of the Executive Council in regard to fine deposits, announcing that no man should be taken on the trip until he had paid his deposit, has met with much opposition, especially by the leaders of the Clubs, and has brought up the whole question as to the advisability of such deposits. At a conference between the two leaders, the president and the treasurer of the General Association, it was decided that the system of deposits be abolished.

Manager Boone is withholding the orders for deposits until formal action has been taken by the Executive Council at its next meeting, which it is understood is to be held some time this week.

—Prof. Lewis was a judge at the Slingerland Prize Speaking Contest at Rome last week. The winning oration was "American Lawlessness," the K. P. speech of Sherwin, '10.

—Outdoor track is getting popular this weather. You don't have to wear any clothes to get soaked.

—The football schedule as published in Life a short time ago has been approved by the Faculty.

—What we want to know is who inspired "Bob" Warren to that amorous bit of verse in the last Lit.

NEW YORK MILLS PLEASED WITH PRACTICAL WORK

Men From the Hill Inaugurate New Mutual Benefit Plan and Arouse Interest

"TED" MARTIN A TOUGH GUY.

And There Was a Great Dinner and Speeches and Some Very Good Straighforward Talk.

College Boys are Coming—such was the message proclaimed by the fifteen hundred circulars distributed by milkmen and grocerymen in New York Mills last Wednesday. They called them "a Husky Bunch." They expected College Boys to be athletes. But how sadly were they to be disillusioned by the exhibition of Basketball given on the first night. "Ted" Martin, '11, was easily the star of the game. Clad in golf trousers he marched valiantly on the 10 by 12 floor. All we can say is that he splendidly upheld his reputation as a football player. His line plunges were irresistible. But he seemed to have an irrepressible desire to run for a touchdown rather than to shoot a basket. He perpetrated fouls that were unique. His tackling was superb, and strangely he never seemed to lose his "pep." Suffice it to say that the score was 40 to 22 in favor of the New York Mills Athletic Club. That was the first night. On Friday evening, Martin was again the shining light. It was at this time that he gave a boxing exhibition in the basement of the Methodist Church. But he had accomplished the end that the whole team had in view—to win the friendship of the boys.

Another feature of this deputation work is the house to house calling. Practically the whole day is spent by the fellows in meeting the people in their own homes and having personal talks with them.

At night the whole team came together and had supper at boarding-houses in the village. After the meal the boarders gathered around to hear the fellows sing College Songs. Then too, the team was given the full privileges of the Boys' Club Rooms. This presented the opportunity of meeting and talking with the boys individually. On Friday night the Y. M. C. A. boys of New York Mills, gave a banquet in honor of the College men. About sixty sat down at the tables. The food was good and the speeches spirited. It is impossible to tell all the happy occurences of the week. If you're interested just ask any of the fellows that were there.

What is this deputation work and what is its purpose?

In the words of one of the members: Our aim, primarily, is to raise the ideals and moral standards of young men. And, furthermore, this work is not theoretical nor visionary, but is intensely practical. If we can encourage the boys to go to high school and college, if we can induce them to ally themselves with the work of the church, we feel that our efforts and our cuts have not been in vain.

Every night of the week there were services at 7:30, and the attendance was far beyond what was expected. Straighforward, manly talks on questions that interest young men were given by each of the fellows. From this, do not get the idea that we attempted to preach. For that was the very thing we tried to avoid.

On Sunday night at a special meeting twenty-five out of thirty boys of New York Mills professed a desire to live a cleaner and better life. In all this work we strive to eliminate every vestige of the emotional, and do our work by personal talks as much as possible. These are some of the reasons why we believe that the trip was worth our time and effort.

During the Easter vacation we expect that there will be three teams from the College engaged in this deputation work. Cornell, Syracuse and Union will also be represented by teams doing work in this State.

BETTER BATTERIES NOW.

Last Monday permission was granted by "the powers that be" for battery practice in the main room of the Gymnasium. The powers stipulated, however, that the practice be held at such hours as the room is not otherwise in use. Batting will not be allowed, and all damages will be paid for by the management.

OUR LIBRARY.

The Library of this College contains more volumes per capita than that of any men'scollege in the country, according to figures compiled by the New York World. There are 52,000 volumes and 190 men, giving 274 volumes each. Bowdoin is next, with 254, then Harvard, with 213, Amherst with 208, Princeton with 188, and Yale with 182. Barnard, a woman's college, has 450,000 for 742 students, or 607 volumes per capita.

CHI PSI INFORMAL.

Alpha Phi of Chi Psi entertained at the Lodge Friday night, March 29. The following were the guests: Miss Evelyn Stryker and Miss Elizabeth Stryker of Clinton, Miss Wells and Miss Watkins of Syracuse, Miss McLean, Miss Hubacheck and Miss Clinton of Poughkeepsie, Miss Wager of Rome, Miss Roberts of Addison, Miss Scales and Miss Betts of Utica. The patronesses were Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Betts of Utica and Mrs. Wheeler of Clinton.

NOTICE, STUDENTS!

Professor Ibbotson makes the following announcement:

"All books now drawn from the Library must be returned not later than Friday, April 5th.

"Students who wish to avail themselves of the vacation privilege may draw not more than three volumes for use during the recess, and may keep such books until April 20th.

"During the Easter recess the Library will be open daily from 11 to 12 o'clock."

—Prof. Chase announces that he will have his Freshman Latin Class singing the Odes of Horace before long. "Integer Vitae" will be attempted first.

—J. W. Lewis, '08, of the Biltmore School of Forestry spent Sunday on the Hill. He was on his way to the Adirondacks, having recently returned from Germany.

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EDITORIAL.

Tent for Commencement.

Just a word before the last farewell. Throughout the year Life has earnestly fought for more harmony among the several units which make up this College—the Trustees, the Faculty, the Alumni and the Undergraduates. The time is fast passing, we hope, when the interests of all will not be consulted in the administration of the affairs of the College. It never should have been. Yet in the matter of arranging our Centennial Commencement, a great blunder has been made. A ruling arbitrary in the extreme has been passed, tentatively perhaps, but even so, harsh and foolish in its lack of consideration for all who are interested in Hamilton. You all know what it is—the decision to shut all but Alumni out of the Commencement exercises.

We have attacked this ruling sufficiently—perhaps too much—because the parents of the members of 1912 are excluded. Yet they are not the only ones within the scope of this ruling whom it would be inadvisable to discriminate against. There are the sub-Freshmen; what about the fifty or more we hope to have with us? Is it well to shut them out? The number of educators who are sure to attend and give us a word of congratulation for our vigorous old age; what about them? The families of Alumni; what about them? Our friends in Utica, in Clinton, and elsewhere; what about them? No! We cannot keep them out. Our exercises should be for all. We cannot afford to antagonize anyone, especially when we shall have planned to do so. It is no time for snobbery, or whatever you may wish to call it.

A tent, easily secured and with little expense should be erected on the Campus with accommodations for all. Those who wish to see the Chapel may and will do so at their leisure; but those who want to hear the exercises, and all will, should be permitted to do so, however much sentiment for the Chapel may urge that the exercises be held there.

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Farewell.

This issue marks the retirement of the Seniors from the Life Board. In our minds relief and regret struggle for mastery. While in many ways the work has been exacting, the consciousness that this is the last time disturbs the natural satisfaction of having shifted a responsibility. The year in which we have held office has been short—too short in view of our just awakening knowledge of how to run the paper. Our mistakes have been many, but in our small way we have tried to further the interests of the College and of Life. We plume ourselves on nothing. We are courageous enough to admit that we did not even do our best. We merely pass on. The Editor wishes to acknowledge that what success has been attained has been due, only he knows how much, to the able assistance not only of the other members on the Board but of several men in College not connected with the paper.

To the new Board we extend our heartiest wishes of success and bequeath the censorial pencil and one galley of Intercollegiate "items of interest." May tolerance accompany its mistakes and due praise its successes. Good-a-bye.

Adieu, Monsieur Geran, Adieu! Nous Vous Manquerons!

Last Tribute to the Hill's One Great Celebrity—The Varied and Wierd Life of Commons' Departing Head To Remain a Memory.

To the Hill came Monsieur Geran, an unknown man; unheralded and unsung did he concoct amid the clatter of the pots and pans edibles fit for the palates of the gods. But fame has been kind to M. Geran, for from that wreath of mystery which ever hovers above the heads of the great have come tales of the prowess of one whom we have placed amidst our own humble clay. And so when M. Geran shall have divested himself of his token of stewardship and sought his way toward pastures new there will have been taken from the College its one great celebrity.

To the average student Monsieur Geran was one of those individuals who is seldom met—a man without a past. No trace of a life led among the battle fields of nations, no scars of great deeds honorably done marked the face of this College Ragueneau. A man fluent in speech was M. Geran, extremely fluent, and yet it would not have been remarked that he had mastered the intricacies of six languages, nor that he had received the degree of M. D., nor that a commission in the U. S. A. had fallen scorned at his feet. Modest was M. Geran and only through the most persistent questioning did the students come to learn of the man's real ability.

When Easter with its tinted eggs and candy rabbits shall have passed and the College returns to the Hill for the last long sleep of the year, Monsieur Geran will be gone. And so it is not only fitting but entirely proper that Life should comment upon his passing and in its small way endeavor to impress upon the College the true worth of a man whose remarkable exploits entitle him to the most widespread recognition.

M. Geran's career has been so varied that it is difficult to select the most novel as well as the bravest of his deeds. That he was the first man over the Great Wall of China counts for but little in the roll of his achievements; that he stood directly beside the muzzle of a 12-inch gun on one of Uncle Sam's battleships and heard it discharged without a tremor, thereby losing his hearing is of little consequence; that his nose was slashed by a sabre in the Spanish-American War and that the wound has never completely healed within, thus enabling him to detect bad eggs without breaking the shells, is scarcely worthy of mention in comparison with his real feats.

It was on his third tour of the world that he did his greatest service to humanity. Riding into the Siberian village of Lupulavitch in the stillness of the early morning Monsieur Geran found Cossacks indulging in the gentle pastime of throwing babies in the air, to gently catch them upon the points of their bayonets as they descended. M. Geran was indignant, as was quite proper. "Stop, you fellows," he cried. And in a moment the Cossacks were on the run.

While known by but a few men in College the fact remains that M. Geran was the first white man in the service of Uncle Sam to land upon the Isthmus of Panama. A boat manned by twelve sturdy sailor lads had set out from the armored cruiser; as it drew within a hundred feet of land the commanding officer advanced to the prow and exclaimed, "Back, men, I must be the first to place my foot upon this soil." But he counted without his host for M. Geran without a minute's hesitation threw aside his shirt and diving into the sea replied, "You'll have to row some." And he beat the boat to the shore!

Overshadowed by the deeds of Col. Roosevelt, few of M. Geran's feats of prowess during the Spanish-American War have become known. He was, however, next to his commander at the advance upon San Juan. When the summit was reached and the enemy were seen in hasty flight the commander turned and exclaimed, "Vic" (he always called him Vic for short) "you are either a brave man or a fool." The College calls him a brave man.

During his stay on College Hill M. Geran has won for himself a host of friends. Always courteous, ready to please, affable in both conversation and manner he will not be forgotten. The College should not forget that he has been seriously handicapped. The wound of the nose has troubled at times. He has been unable to hear as the result of standing beside the exploding gun, thus being forced to read speech from the lips of his fellows.

Et ainsi adieu, Monsieur Geran, adieu. Nous vous manquerons. Adieu.

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As M. Geran, steward of Commons, will leave at Easter all are requested to pay their bills at Commons before they leave.

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HILL NOTES.

—At the first Wednesday chapel following the Easter Easter recess men carrying delinquencies from last term will be allowed to make these up. The last two chapels, May 1st and May 8th, will be given over to the Freshman and Sophomore prize stab.

—Several members of the Faculty have announced their intentions of leaving town during Easter vacation. Dr. Wood and Prof. Brown will be in Washington; Profs. Davenport, Scollard and McHarg in New York, and Shearer in Philadelphia, while Prof. Ibbottson will stay within walking distance of he Library. The others have not been heard from on the subject.

—Collins, '04, has left Panama, where he has been engaged for a number of yars on hte staff of a newspaper, and is expected to arrive in New York this week. He will visit College early in the month, when he may speak to Dr. Wood's classes on "Panama and the South American Republics."

—Judge R. C. Drummond, '01, will be one of the speakers at the Interscholastic smoker on May 18.

—The annual dinner of the Washington Hamilton Alumni will be held in Washington, D. C., April 11. It is expected that fully half a dozen undergraduates will be present at the dinner.

—Bargains in smokes at Commons this week.

—Dr. Fitch used his annual cut on Tuesday to move into his new home in the Waters' house opposite the Psi U house.

—The Bookman for March contains an article on "The Science of Poetry," by Ezra W. Pound, '05.

—At the meeting of the Latin Club held at Prof. Chase's residence last Wednesday a pleasing program was presented by the Junior members, after which a surprising quantity of cocoa and cakes was disposed of. The Club picture was taken by Gibbon for the Hamiltonian.

—"Prex" might do well to employ "Bugs'" forestry class to set out trees on the Campus, if that in front of Science is a fair example of their work.

—As predicted in Life some time ago, Williamson, "the human whirlwind," was unanimously elected Sophomore marshall at the class meeting last Wednesday. It is expected that the position will give him a tremendous supe with "Prex."

—DuBois and Watkin, '12, were judges of the prize speaking contest held in Vernon last Friday night.

—Assisted by the men who have had experience in that line, Martin is instructing the two lower classes in the rudiments of military drill in connection with their regular gym. work.

—Keddy, Miller, Kimball, Johnson and Little are now out for Assistant Manager of Life.

—Averill, Amherst, '13, visited the Hill last week.

—The caps and gowns for the Seniors have arrived.

—A new picture of Dr. Brown, a former President of the College, has been received and will be hung in the Museum.

—Burns, '10, and Colson, '11, were on the Hill recently.

—Cross, '13, Manager of Intramural Sports, is planning to run off a series of tennis tournaments this Spring.

—The assistant librarians have rented Prof. Davenport's tenant house and will occupy it during the Spring. Next year it will probably be occupied by Prof. McHarg.

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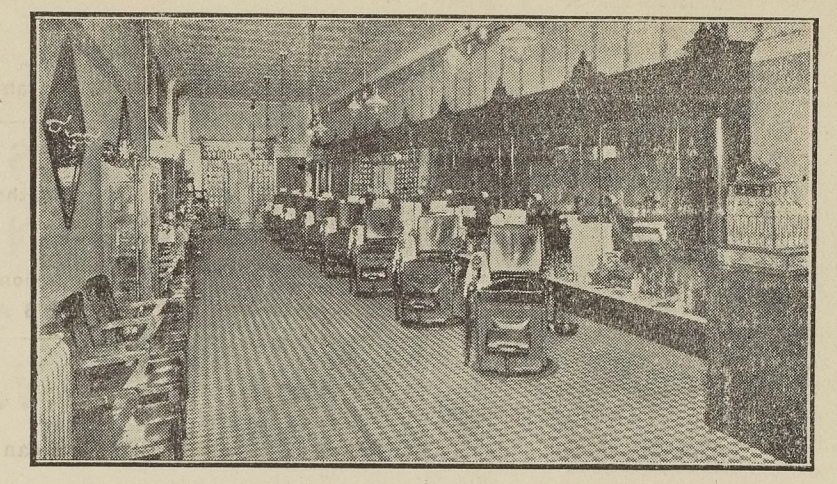

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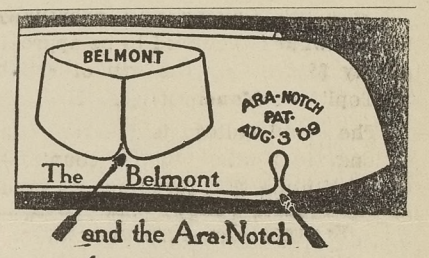

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

In order to meet the wishes of the faculty and the undergraduates, the Cornell University trustees have decided that Commencement exercises this year will be held on June 13, one week earlier than it has ever been held before. They announce, however, that the decision is in the nature of an experiment.

Under the new arrangement final examination week and commencement week will dovetail and many more undergraduates will be in Ithaca than formerly. Alumni reunions will be held the day before commencement. It is of interest to note that Harvard took a somewhat similar change last fall, when they shortened the time for examination from two weeks to one in order that more of the undergraduates might be present at the commencement exercises.

Middlebury College has increased her enrollment from 118 to 305 in the last seven years.

The trustees have been informed that it will cost more than three millions of dollars to run Columbia University next year.

Columbia, by defeating Pennsylvania, has won the championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball League for the fourth successive season. The teams finished in the following order: Columbia, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Princeton, Yale.

Dartmouth College will eventually receive what is believed to be approximately $200,000 by the will of Elijah M. Topliff of Manchester, N. H.

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A straw vote for a Presidential candidate held at the University of Michigan resulted as follows: Woodrow Wilson, 449; Roosevelt, 392; Taft, 140; LaFollette, 71, and Champ Clark, 60.

The Cornell College of Agriculture is to have an auditorium to seat 3,000 persons.

The students of the University of California have built a road on the campus. The "co-eds" assisted by serving lunches to the laborers.

Upon the adoption of the honor system at the Carnegie Technical College in Pittsburg the faculty decreed that no record of attendance for the Seniors should be taken for the remainder of the year.

Last year's athletics at Cornell made a total loss to the Athletic Association of over $6,000.

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SCHEDULE OF EASTER TRIP AT LAST READY

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Manager Boone announces that the program for the Easter trip is now complete. It includes one open date, Monday, April 3, left so by the eleventh hour cancelling of the Youngstown Concert, which the manager thought was assured. It is probable that the date will be filled in Salamanca, N. Y., Bradford, Pa., or the ballroom of the Hotel Statlers in Buffalo. As the Clubs plan to remain in Rochester over Sunday, in the event that the Monday date is not filled the Clubs will be the guests of the Rochester Alumni at the University Club on Monday night, and will sing informally, as was done last year after the Rochester concert.

The itinerary of the trip is as follows:

Saturday, April 6, Seneca Falls.

Tuesday, April 9, Warren, Ohio.

Wednesday, April 10, (afternoon), Ashtabula, Ohio.

Wednesday, April 10, (evening), Westfield.

Thursday, April 11, Albion.

Friday, April 12, Le Roy.

Saturday, April 13, Binghamton.

The Seneca Falls Concert is to be held in the Masonic Temple. Gould, '11, and Anibal, '08, are arranging the local end of the concert, and with the assistance of the other Seneca Falls Alumni a large audience is anticipated for the opening night of the trip.

Sunday morning the Clubs move on to Rochester, where the men will be entertained at Rochester University fraternity houses, and at the homes of Alumni about the city. Early Tuesday morning the Clubs leave for Warren. The concert there will be held under the auspices of the Junior Class of Warren High School, for the benefit of the annual function traditionally known in Warren circles as the "Junior X." McNair, '10, reports that six hundred tickets have already been sold. Following the concert, the Clubs will be the guests of the High School Committee at a dance.

The Clubs go to Ashtabula Wednesday afternoon to appear in the Lyceum Auditorium as an entertainment for twelve hundred guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Peck. Mrs. Peck is to be hostess to the Clubs for a luncheon at her home Wednesday noon.

Immediately after the last number, the Clubs leave for Westfield, where the concert will be given under the auspices of the Athletic Association of the High School. Following the concert a dance will be given by the Westfield girls. The date was changed from Monday to Wednesday in order that the concert would not interfere with the annual Charity Ball; so it is expected that society will be there to greet the Clubs.

The concert at Albion will be, as last year, under the auspices of the High School Athletic Association. Thanks to Mr. W. G. Carmer, '85, and O'Brien, '11, all the details have been arranged most satisfactorily. The Clubs go to Albion from Buffalo by trolley, and will arrive in time for lunch. The program there includes an afternoon tea, and a dance following the concert.

This is the Clubs' first appearance at LeRoy. Elbert J. Townsend, ex-'13, was instrumental in arranging the date. The occasion is the annual ball of the Alumni Association. The Clubs are to furnish the forepart of the party, and will be the guests of the Alumni at the ball following.

The Binghamton concert is under our own ausqices, with the help of McLean, '08, Greengard, '08, Mangan, '12, and Lyon, '13. It is to be held in the beautiful ballroom of the Monday afternoon Club, and will be followed by dancing until twelve. The wives of Hamilton Alumni will be the patronesses. The Clubs will probably be invited to a tea at the Lady Jane Grey School. This concert closes the trip. The men will spend the night in private homes, and return to College when they wish.

On account of the heavy expenses of the trip it has been found necessary to cut down the personnel of the Clubs to 31. The complete itinerary and schedule will be posted on Wednesday on the Y. M. C. A. bulletin board.

The programs this season have been made particularly attractive, and include three cuts, one a summer view of the entrance to the Campus, one a winter panorama, and one a pic ture of the Clubs. Another feature is the publication of the complete itinerary. It was intended to make the programs as attractive as finances would allow, as an added advertisement for the College.

—M. Geran treated the members of the Mandolin Club to cigars last Thursday to which the Club responded with its entire repertoire. Mme. Geran was heard to remark that she had never heard the boys play so well before. The manager might make a note of this.

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—Lieutenant Goss L. Stryker, '00, has resigned from the army and intends to start a farm near Buffalo for the purpose of breeding and training saddle horses for the army.

—Students will be permitted to take books from the Library over the Easter recess, but it is requested that all who have books out now return them or have them renewed before the end of the week.

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Rock's allowance to run his courses for the coming year has been increased from $10.10 to $30—at least, so they say. Jimmy Grant is said to have started the report of the alleged raise last Friday and the rumor spread over the Campus like wildfire, or a plague of pink-eye, or ——.

Life's detective was immediately detailed to run down the rumor. Mason, Watkins, Riley and others of Rock's pundits being unproductive of information as to the tremendous subsidy, the sleuth sighed and hove himself Clintonward to seek Rocks himself.

When questioned, Rocks shook his head and smiled a most pessimistic smile. No, I haven't heard about any $30, but then—a glance of hope on his face—it may be so; they never tell me anything or ask my advice. I can't see why my department is supposed to be run decently on no money. Take the matter of those slides my classes bought for me, I've been trying for years to get this College to get me a stereopticon—you can get a good one for $30 or $40—and a decent number of slides. But no! I had to save for years to buy the one I have. Why, do you know that I haven't a map of the World here larger than the palm of my hand? What can a man do with that; hard enough to distinguish Europe, much less any physiographic features. Down at Colgate, they say, the department of geology has several thousand slides. Now, of course, I don't want you to think there's any chance of getting anything like that here, but they ought to give me at least $75 a year—and, mind you, I'm speaking very conservatively—so that I could present the course as it should be presented. It does beat all, don't it now. Of course, I want it firmly understood that I'm not criticizing the way things are run here, but I can't help feeling sorry for the man who does not appreciate geology enough to want this department run right. They say this College is conservative. I guess it is. In my mind this parsimony is absolutely conclusive proof of that fact."

"No, I'm sorry to have to say that I have not heard about any increase for the allowance for my department. I wish I could assure you of the truth of the rumor."

All of which tale has a moral—if you can't find it, ask Rocks.

NO MORE DEBATES THIS YEAR.

A letter has been posted in Chapel from St. Lawrence regarding their attitude in refusing to debate Hamilton this Spring. The debate manager said that his teams considered it too late in the season to prepare the subject. The letter says also, "The skill of Hamilton College in this kind of work is proverbial and you are not considered to be easy antagonists." It has been definitely decided that there will be no debate with Rutgers.

—Boone, '12, Manager of the Musical Clubs has asked some of the members of the Charlatans to work up a play for use on the Easter trip. The cast will probably consist of Kultchar, '13, Peck, '13, McGibeny, '14, Jessup, '14, and Johnson, '15.

—It is an interesting fact that Prof. Scollard used to play ball with Robert W. Chambers, the novelist, at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.